

Rainier Beach: Draft Strategies – September 20, 2011

The purpose of this draft is to sketch out preliminary goals and policies, and to refine the preliminary strategies about (steps the **City and community** might take to address the key issues and opportunities). At this stage, we are seeking review that there are reflective (and inclusive) of the input received. There will be iterative City departments review to ensure that the objective is supportable, that existing program can or could be expanded to address the objective. Where necessary the strategies should identify where additional funding is needed (not sure if every strategy would have this caveat), or whether further study is needed for departmental support.

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Strong Communities & Organizations: A thriving and interconnected community that contains diverse households, supported by strong social and cultural institutions and services			
<i>Build on the asset of community diversity when creating recommendations; especially for economic development/town center areas.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Policy	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Include ethnic and minority-owned businesses in Rainier Beach marketing programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Strategy	Community, Office of Economic development (OED), Department of Neighborhoods (DON)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Promote public art projects, and include the presence of ethnic and minority communities in exploring themes and locations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Strategy	Community, Arts & Cultural Affairs (Arts), DON
<i>Use arts and public art as an opportunity to engage and express Rainier Beach’s cultural diversity.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Policy	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Integrate public art into projects wherever possible; especially involving the area’s youth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Strategy	Community, Arts
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Create events such as a Rainier Beach Art walk that celebrate the best from each culture.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Strategy	Community, Arts
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Look for alignment opportunities with Rainier Beach Merchant Association/SEED Gateway Project work when implementing street improvements. Define distinctive community expressions appropriate to each “pearl,” for example, youth and education at Beach Square.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Strategy	Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), OED
<i>Work with existing organizations to implement update recommendations</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Policy	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Support community activism that supports implementation of the plan and update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conduct outreach to organizations through speakers bureau, and specifically invite reviews and participation in 3rd and 4th phases of plan development and implementation strategies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Strategy	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Support the work of the Rainier Beach Community Empowerment Coalition to connect people to organizations that are currently working on issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Strategy	Community, DON
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Explore ways to convene regularly meetings of the community’s religious/spiritual leaders to discuss opportunities to work together on shared community issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Strategy	Community, DON
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Undertake an assessment of the community capacity and organizational options to create a non-profit entity with the ability to undertake implementation of large-scale community projects. Projects could include fundraising, implementing programs like an art walk or music series, as well as development of capital projects like the envisioned	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A consultant will work on this during 4th Q of 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Strategy – potentially a section of the update	Community, DON

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multicultural center. The development of this entity should include the input of existing community organizations.			
<i>Reframe Rainier Beach's community identity as a thriving and interconnected community that contains diverse households, supported by strong social and cultural institutions and services</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the continuation of efforts such as the "Lift Every Voice" campaign to celebrate the dreams and determination of the Rainier Beach Neighborhood including activities such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Faces of Rainier Beach: Vividly portraying the rich diversity those of live, work, study, worship, and play in the Rainier Beach neighborhood through photographs; soon to begin adding stories of the neighborhood's journey over the years. Rapid Response Team: Actively responding to media misrepresentations and public misperceptions of the neighborhood through letters to the editor, blog articles and comments, and compiling fact sheets on progress in economic development, education, the environment, public safety, transportation, and family life (including the arts and culture). Living the Dream Map: Mapping out acts of social justice and community building across the neighborhood, drawing upon the Rainier Beach News Wire, local blogs and articles, and "crowd-sourced" reports Help strengthen cross-organizational awareness of major events and activities to encourage coordination and mutual support. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review with RBCEC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy 	Community, DON
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with newspapers and on-line blogs to emphasize the positive activities in Rainer Beach, and the contributions made by the different cultures by. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy 	Community
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage community organizations including the Rainier Beach Merchants' Association, neighborhood association, etc. to coordinate on messaging and "branding" when speaking about the community in order to reinforce positive messages. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy 	Community, OED
<i>Continue work to build relationships with Seattle Public Schools.</i>		<i>Policy</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with Seattle Public Schools to increase community use of school space throughout the year. Examples could include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> adult education, especially in coordination with teen ESL learning and tutoring community meetings; teen activities, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy 	Community, Seattle Public Schools (SPS)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider ways to bring more community members to games scheduled at RBHS and at the Rainier Beach Playfield through increasing family friendly activities, providing mobile food carts, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy 	SPS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support events like the Rainier Beach High School & Community Celebration and RBCEC Back to School Bash that bring together students parents, teacher and community members to celebrate the achievement of RB students. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy 	Community, SPS
<i>Pursue activities and initiatives that support Rainier Beach youth.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Policy</i> 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider increasing current dedicated teen space and programming through partnerships at the new Rainier Beach Community Center. Consider how the specific needs of cultural groups (e.g. African American, East African, Latino, Vietnamese, etc.) are met. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy 	Community, Seattle Parks and Recreation (Parks)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build on the work occurring through the Youth and Families Initiative, coordinating with its top priorities (Health, Neighborhood Safety, Race and Social Justice, Strong Neighborhoods, Youth Development, and Education) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy 	Community, SPS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore implementation of a program like the "Harlem Children's Zone Project" to holistically approach rebuilding a community so that its children can stay on track through college and go on to the job market. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy 	Community, SPS

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify mean to employing more youth in Rainier Beach, such as creating mentorships with local businesses that teach leadership and entrepreneurship, rather than continuing the “fast food employment” mentality. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy 	Community, OED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase collaboration between community and schools around youth education and culture. 		Strategy	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include youth activities in community meetings, events and programs to increase opportunities to learn about youth concerns and to engage youth in the community. 		Strategy	Community
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand tutoring opportunities, such as the Youth Tutoring Program at Lake Washington Apartments, potentially creating a tutoring center. 		Strategy	Community
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include non-English speaking staff leading youth programs. 		Strategy	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to work with Parks to guide youth programming at the community center and at parks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy 	Parks, Community
<i>Plan comprehensively to ensure that the interrelationships between issues are leveraged.</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and budget process to identify projects that can act as catalysts for coordinating and implementing several related recommendations at one time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy 	City Budget Office (CBO)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look beyond 6-year CIP horizon to look for opportunities to leverage planned, but unfunded projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy 	CBO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage City Departments to meet with community organizations early in project or program development to uncover opportunities for collaboration and linking with other projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy 	City Departments
<i>Gathering and Support Networks</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct analysis to determine the feasibility of developing a multi-cultural center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a preliminary design program for the center, outlining considerations such as: functions; uses/activities; space needs; and design qualities. Work with existing organizations and minority and immigrant communities to assess and build capacity during this work. Consider partnering with Parks at the new rainier Beach Community Center Support inclusion of immigrant/minority businesses and organizations in this work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A consultant will begin working on this between Sept. and Dec. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy – perhaps a section of the plan 	Community, DON, Parks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a “design program” for a multi-cultural center (separate from the Rainier Beach Community Center). Support inclusion of immigrant/minority businesses and organizations in this work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A consultant will begin working on this between Sept. and Dec 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy – perhaps a section of the update 	Community, DON, Parks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create community kiosks where community members can post events and information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify locations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy 	Community, DON, Parks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider how to support the African American community while embracing immigrant communities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy?? 	Community
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek opportunities to involve parents and youth together (especially non-English speaking families) in multigenerational programs like ESL, tutoring and citizenship classes to bridge generations and reinforce the strength of these families. 		Strategy	Community
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek public, private and foundation investment in areas critical to this community such as employment opportunities, education and housing. 		Strategy	Community
<i>Support and expand the existing diverse mix of generally small-scale businesses.</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase range of stores; particularly local shops and restaurants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy 	OED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strive to offer technical assistance and education about financial assistance to businesses adjacent to city projects such as the Community Center and R.O.W. improvements in order to maximize the positive outcome of City investments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy 	OED, CBO, SDOT, Parks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with OED and the Rainier Valley Community Development Fund to better tailor grants to minority, immigrant and family-owned businesses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy 	OED

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• Develop public/private partnerships to support new business development.	•	• Strategy	OED, Community
• Create an African American Business group in Rainier Beach.	•	• Strategy	Community, OED
• Identify measures, such as grants and programs that support small business development and employment opportunities.	•	• Strategy	OED
• Encourage new and existing models of financing mixed-use development projects that provide long-term affordable commercial space, as well as affordable housing, in City-funded (and Sound Transit?) mixed-use projects.	•	• Strategy	Office of Housing (OH), OED
• Look specifically at the characteristics of business and mixed-use node (pearls) to tailor strategies that work for each place <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Saars/Safeway/Payless Shoes/Bank of America ○ Station area – e.g. Define any needed rezones for area around light rail station ○ Rainier Ave S/S. Rose St ○ Seward Ave S./57th Ave S. e.g. Target specific locations in the Rainier Ave/56 & 57th area as locations for desired business development. 	•	• Strategy	DPD, OED
• Consider options for developing “incubator” spaces for small start-up businesses.	•	• Strategy	Community, DPD
• Identify strategies for employing more youth in RB.	•	• Strategy	Community, DPD
• Continue the work as outlined in the RBCEC to “Support Rainier Beach residents in the revitalization of our business community and builds self-sufficiency by educating residents and business owners about worker supports. In addition, RB Coalition builds on traditional anti-poverty programs by helping low income families achieve greater economic security and stability through asset development programs and services.”	•	• Strategy	
• Connect economic development with jobs, youth & safety	•	• Policy?	
Consider how implementing any project or program within the community can improve public safety		Policy	
Make Rainier Beach Safe		Policy	
• Work with SPD to consider “hot spots” approach to crime prevention (at Rainier/Henderson), and increasing police legitimacy in the eyes of community members.	•	• Strategy	SPD
• Improve police presence and responsiveness to create safe community.		Strategy	SPD
• Work to provide a safe environment for young to grow and learn, to enable them to have a good future and be productive citizens.		Strategy	SPD
• Increase the mix of uses and residential densities around the station and along Henderson St. to increase the numbers of people using public spaces including sidewalks.	•	• Strategy – partially addressed in the conceptual diagram for Henderson	DPD
• Promote uses around transit facilities, such as businesses open into the evening hours and housing, that provide “eyes on the street.”	•	• Strategy	Community, OED
• Provide sufficient police presence around transit facilities until the time that the level of development provides sufficient activity to reduce the need for police presence.	•	• Strategy	Transit Police, SPD
Build and sustain positive relationship between Seattle Police and the diverse cultures in Rainier Beach.		Policy	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enlist community members, including representative from the various cultural and ethnic groups and youth, to participate in the Community Police Academy Program to educate the public in the operations of the Seattle Police Department, while also giving the Department a chance to obtain valuable feedback from the community. The purpose of the Community Police Academy is to increase understanding between the Seattle Police Department and the community members of Seattle through education and interaction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy 	SPD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fund Crime Prevention and Community Policing, including programs like Living Room Conversations, to enable good communication between Seattle Police Department and community members. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy 	Executive, Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work to ensure representation of Rainier Beach community members on each of the Seattle Police Department Demographic Advisory Councils, and that these representatives are supported to have regular meetings at which they can share information and concerns. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy 	SPD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct as series of Living Room Conversations, ideally including each of the diverse cultures present in Rainier Beach. Use translators as needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	SPD, Community
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue the work as outlined in the RBCEP to "Join residents and existing organizations to enhance, expand, and/or develop programs and activities that ensure safe and secure community." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy 	Community
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue School Emphasis Officers (SEOs) to focus on violence prevention and intervention in collaboration with Seattle Public Schools, addressing gang resistance and violence prevention education and training, truancy and suspension reduction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy 	SPD, SPS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work specifically to create positive bridges to Rainier Beach youth through engaging them in the programs and activities arising from the Youth Violence Prevention Initiative, the Youth Police Academy, and the Explorers Program.. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy 	SPD Community
Healthy People & Families: A neighborhood that provides access to resources necessary to live a healthful life			
1. Mobility & Physical Activity			
<i>Create a safe walking environment that supports access to shops, schools, services, places of worship, etc. that are necessary to lead a healthy lifestyle. A safe environment should be free from crime, protected from motorists, and pleasant.</i>		Policy	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement the Southeast Transportation Strategy, Pedestrian, Master Plan, Bicycle Master Plan and Transit Master Plan recommendations, placing priority on those projects that enhance safety and access to the pearls. In particular, look at pedestrian and bike safety improvements associated with the "pearls" identified above. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define priorities in the Linkages diagrams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linkages diagram 	SDOT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Feet First's work with the National Parks Service to create a walking map for Rainier Beach. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy 	DON
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement the Touchstones project and link with the Feet First walking map for Rainier Beach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get better project definition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy 	Arts, DON, SDOT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate planned transportation improvements with economic development and/or public safety initiatives to maximize the impact of each effort at improving the health of the area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potentially illustrated in Pearl diagrams 	SDOT, OED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with SPS and Parks Department to increase access through the South Shore k-8, Rainier Beach Playfield, Rainier Beach High School and between Beer Sheva and Pritchard Beach sites in the center of the community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linkages diagram 	Parks, SPS, SDOT, Community
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with SPD to improve safe driving habits that respect pedestrians, transit and bicyclists. Activities could include "speed watch" with the RB Crime Prevention..., presentations and literature made available at teen activities, RB events, churches, ESL classes, eeTc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy 	SPD
2. Healthy Food Access			

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<i>Support means for the community to easily access to healthy foods, and eat a healthy diet.</i>	•	• Policy	
• Encourage a greater variety of stores and restaurants that sell healthy food,	•	• Strategy	Community, King County Health, OED
• Use programs such as “Healthy Foods Here” to increase availability of healthy foods throughout the neighborhood.	•	• Strategy	OED?
• Seek to Create a Farmers’ Market that serves Rainier Beach.	•	• Strategy	DON
• Support the work of Friends of Atlantic Street Nursery and Seattle Tilth to establish the Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands Preservation site. ○ Connect the Atlantic Nursery project to the Leaning Garden and programs at the Community Center. ○ Seek opportunities to connect the Atlantic Nursery to restaurants	•	• Strategy	Parks, Community
• Build Collaboration among groups working on urban foods such as Rainier Beach Urban Farm (Friends of Atlantic Street Nursery), Tilth, Seattle Community Farm, Rainier Beach Learning Garden, and Rainier Valley Eats (http://www.rainiervalleyeats.org/), in order to maximize access to locally grown food and education about healthy food.	•	• Strategy	Parks, Community
• Increase community to opportunities to grow food such as the Learning Garden and P-Patches.	•	• Strategy	DON
Supportive Physical Environment: A natural and built environment that is healthy and provides for a healthy community			
<i>Recognize that for Rainier Beach “town center” is the collection of places where the community comes together. These reflect the cultures, history and traditions that give Rainier Beach its diversity.</i>		Policy	
• Implement programs and events that bring diverse elements of community together (e.g. cultural festival). Find appropriate ways to welcome different cultures into each others’ gatherings and celebrations, using web sites, kiosks, etc. .	•	• Strategy	Community, DON
• Program the plaza in front of the community center prioritizing youth and other performances/activities that will draw families to the plaza.	•	• Strategy	Community, DON, Parks
• <i>Build on the traditional strength and character of the small, locally-owned businesses within the center as the building blocks for economic opportunity.</i>	•	• Policy	
• In the near term, focus on smaller-scale improvements at key locations (pearls) that improve the character, business health and function of existing destinations. Consider how each area contributes to: Community Health; Personal Health; and the health of the Physical Environment. ○ Saars/Safeway/Payless Shoes/Bank of America: Knit together the businesses, school, community center and library by reducing the amount of paving and adding more active uses/activities along the sidewalks. Advocate for improvements defined in the “Gateway to Rainier Valley at Rainier Beach: Creating a pedestrian-friendly and vibrant business district in south rainier Valley.” ○ Station area: Consider zoning options for commercial and residential development in station area. ○ Rainier Ave S/S. Rose St: Build on recent development, SETS project and growing east African businesses. ○ Seward Ave S./57 th Ave S. • Improve the physical (both public and private spaces) and social connections to will knit together the smaller centers of activity (schools, library, community center, grocery stores, ethnic markets & centers, Seward /Rainier).	• Identify	• Strategy	SDOT, DPD, OED, Parks
<i>Support retention and development of affordable (low and moderate income) housing, especially where such housing is accessible to transit.</i>		Policy	

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<i>Set development regulations to be supportive of residential and mixed-use development within ¼ to ½ mile of the station. Consider logical boundaries to redevelopment such as topography, street network, presence of affordable family housing. Periodically review to assess changes in the development market and character of area.</i>		Policy	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess City and other publically -owned parcels within Rainier Beach, and especially adjacent to the rail station, for their potential to facilitate low-income housing development. Consider, where possible, land sale or swap to facilitate residential development. 		Strategy	OH, DAS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore the potential to develop a TOD property acquisition fund to provide affordable residential, commercial and community spaces using federal grant and local economic development funds in addition to the City's affordable housing funds. 		Strategy	OH, OED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with Sound Transit to develop their surplus properties along the Rainier Valley light rail line as affordable housing. 		Strategy	OH, DPD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain access to affordable housing 		Strategy	OH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue providing housing affordable to a full range of incomes 		Strategy	OH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve programs and access to programs supporting home ownership. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use programs such as revolving loan funds and land trusts to keep owner-occupied housing affordable. Support homeowners who are low-income, senior or disabled through assistance programs. 		Strategy	OH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partner with the Parks Department to provide Office of Housing funding to developers who wish to create affordable housing adjacent to newly acquired open space amenities. 		Strategy	OH, Parks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Target specific locations in the Rainier Ave/56 & 57th area for desired residential /mixed-use development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DPD to work with Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy 	DPD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate options to encourage dense residential (with commercial as appropriate) development along Henderson and at the light rail station. 			DPD
Transportation			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue the work as outlined in the RBCEC to "To ensure community transportation improvements are compatible with the environment, facilitate citizen access, and provide space for a pedestrian boulevard accommodating bicyclists, walkers, and transit riders per the Rainier Beach 2014 plan." Compare priorities to Southeast Transportation Strategy (SETS, Pedestrian, Master Plan, Bicycle Master Plan and upcoming Transit Master Plan to identify where there are funded or planned projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify gaps or recommend changes to priority projects that remain at conceptual design level. Engage SDOT staff that works on grants and funding to identify "what makes successful projects" and identify Rainier Beach projects that might fit into this framework. Consider "3% design" for key priority project(s) to support cost estimates needed to secure funding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy 	Community, SDOT, King County Metro
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When prioritizing projects, SDOT should consider those that physically link the community people, places and transit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve pedestrian and bicycle connections through South Shore and Rainier Beach High School and parks property Define improvements to and bike pedestrian environment within "pearls." Create connections from Fisher Pl. and Director St. to Mapes Creek Walk. 		Strategy	SDOT, SPS, Parks
<i>Seek to coordinate among transportation improvements and with other infrastructure and programmatic actions (such as public art, parks, or economic development) to maximize the positive contributions transportation improvements can provide to "place making."</i>		Policy	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek dedicated funds to enable SDOT to coordinate with adjacent development or project, thereby leveraging R.O.W. improvement projects and increase their contribution to “place-making.” An example of this would be coordination and leveraging of housing development, transportation improvements, public art and business assistance around the intersection of S. Rose St. and Rainier Ave S. The Rose Street Apartments constructed by Housing Resources Group Example project brings 71 apartments and retail space to this intersection, as well as sidewalk improvements. Implementing SETS project 36 (Rainier Ave S. & S. Rose St. /Wabash Ave S.) to continue the momentum created by development of. By combining housing development with adjacent street improvements, and careful application of technical assistance to adjacent businesses might catalyze further investment and strengthen the health of this small multicultural business district. 		Diagram of leveraging opportunities in Pearls	CBO, SDOT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extend the #7 bus through to the Rainier Beach light rail station. Reduce bus layover in front of Saars creating layover for the extended #7 adjacent to the rail station. 	Work on design alternatives with Bill Bryant	Conceptual design drawing.	SDOT, Metro
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore partnerships with private property owners to use existing off-street parking lots to meet long-term parking needs, including light rail use. 		Strategy	DPD
Parks and Opens Space			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve connections to and circulation within public spaces (South Shore k-8, Rainier Beach Playfield, Rainier Beach High School and between Beer Sheva and Pritchard Beach) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with SPS to improve pedestrian circulation through sites. Work with Parks to improve connections through Rainier Beach Playground and between Beer Sheva and Pritchard Beach. 		Policy?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the work at the Rainier Beach Urban Garden to construct a walking trail between Beer Sheva and Pritchard Beach to enhance the community’s access to water 		Strategy	Parks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve park furnishings in Beer Sheva, such as tables, benches and barbeques 		Strategy	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue the work as outlined in the RBCEC to “Support the community in the preservation and improvement of natural and man-made open spaces and parks; and the management of environmental impacts to the community.” 	•	• Strategy	Community, DON
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase park programming for all ages. 		Strategy	Parks, Community
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify means to improve access to programs/activities for youth and teens 		Strategy	Parks, Community
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of Neighborhood Matching Funds (NMF) and Neighborhood Project Funds (NSF/CRF) for small Parks improvement projects – pathways, ADA accessibility, park furnishings, 		Strategy	Parks, Community
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage/explore partnership opportunities for increased/expanded youth programs and facilities within the existing parks system 		Strategy	Parks, Community
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement the Parks and Green Spaces Levy and Opportunity Fund projects at Atlantic City Nursery. Seek to leverage each physical improvement with other actions and programs that will link the Nursery to the larger community. 		Strategy	Parks, Community
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beer Sheva <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek funding to improve amenities at Beer Sheva, such as adding picnic benches and bbq’s Improve entrance to Beer Sheva from Henderson St. and add walkway – pursue Neighborhood Matching Funds for park furnishing upgrades. Connect to Pritchard Beach (existing swimming beach) Support Atlantic City Nursery project to connect BS to Atlantic City Nursery and Pritchard Beach 	•	• Strategy	Parks, Community

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